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1. FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF SUBJECT AIDE MEMOIRE WHICH FONMIN SILVEIRA, AT REQUEST OF AIRMIN ARARIPE, PERSONALLY DELIVERED TO AMBASSADOR ON APRIL 30 (OBVIOUSLY TO EMPHASIZE IMPORTANCE GOB GIVES FAA CERTIFICATION AGREEMENT):

BEGIN QUOTE:

THE EMBASSY OF BRAZIL IN WASHINGTON IS TODAY DELIVERING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE A NOTE PROPOSING THE INITIATION OF NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE BRAZILIAN AND AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS WITH THE VIEW TO CONCLUDING AN AGREEMENT ON THE RECIPROCAL ACCEPTANCE OF AIR-WORTHINESS CERTIFICATES (CERTIFICADOS DE HOMOLOGACAO AERONAUTICAL).

IN RECENT YEARS, THE BRAZILIAN AIRCRAFT INDUSTRY HAS RAPIDLY DEVELOPED ITS PLANNING AND PRODUCTION CAPABILITY AND NOW REGULARLY PRODUCES LIGHT AND MEDIUM AIRCRAFT, AS WELL AS RELATED COMPONENTS. SIMULTANEOUS WITH THIS INDUSTRIAL GROWTH, THE CERTIFYING GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY -- THE AEROSPACE TECHNICAL CENTER (CTA) -- HAS PROMOTED THE PERFECTING AND EXPANSION OF ITS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INFRA-STRUCTURE, PRINCIPALLY IN TERMS OF ORGANIZATIONS, HUMAN

RESOURCES, AND THE INSTALLATION OF EQUIPMENT SUITABLE FOR TESTING. WITH THE SAME OBJECTIVE, THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT HAS, SINCE THE BEGINNING OF 1974, SPONSORED A PROJECT TO SUPPLY THE CTA GUIDANCE, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING DESIGNED TO ADJUST ITS ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND CERTIFYING PROCEDURES TO THE STANDARDS OBSERVED BY THE CERTIFYING AUTHORITIES OF THE OTHER COUNTRIES PRODUCING AERONAUTICAL EQUIPMENT.

ON THE OTHER HAND, AT THE END OF 1974 AND IN CONFORMITY WITH THE AGREEMENT SIGNED BETWEEN THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION AND THE CTA, THE LATTER RECEIVED THE SEVENWEEK VISIT OF A TECHNICAL MISSION OF THAT US CERTIFYING AUTHORITY. AT THE END OF ITS STAY IN BRAZIL, THIS MISSION FORMULATED RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING BRAZILIAN ORGANIZATION AND CERTIFYING REGULATIONS. IN CONFORMITY WITH THESE RECOMMENDATIONS, THE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE BRAZILIAN CERTIFYING AUTHORITY IS CURRENTY BEING FORMULATED WITH THE SUPPOR OF ICAO, THROUGH THE PNUD. FURTHERMORE, THE ESSENTAL TECHNICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE ELEMENTS OF THE U.S. FEDERAL AVIATION REGULATIONS ARE BEING INCORPORATED INTO THE BRAZILIAN REGULATION ON AVIATION CERTIFICATION (RBHA), WHICH SINCE THEIR ORIGIN HAVE BEEN USING CRITERIA SIMILAR TO THOSE EMPLOYED BY THE FAA AS A BASIS FOR TYPE AND PRODUCTION CERTIFICATION.

IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS, THE BRAZILIAN CIVIL AIR FLEET
HAS BEEN EXPANDING CONSIDERABLY, PRINCIPALLY AS A RESULT OF THE
IMPORT OF U.S.-MADE AIRCRAFT. ALSO, IMPORTANT PROGRAMS
OF COOPERATION BETWEEN THE BRAZILIAN AND AMERICAN AVIATION
INDUSTRIES ARE CURRENTLY IN TRAIN. GIVEN THIS SITUATION, THE
BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT BELIVES IT WILL BE IN THE MUTUAL INTEREST
OF THE TWO NATIONS TO REACH THE CONTEMPLATED AGREEMENT ON THE
RECIPROCAL ACCEPTANCE OF AIR-WORTHINESS CERTIFICATES.

IN PROPOSING THE INITIATION OF UNDERSTANDINGS LOOKING TO THE AGREEMENT REFERRED TO, THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT IS PREPARED TO ACCREDIT PROMPTLY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COMPETENT AERONAUTICAL ORGANS FOR THE NECESSARY TECHNICAL CONTACTS WITH THE U.S. CERTIFYING AGENCY. BRASILIA, APRIL 30, 1975 END OF QUOTE.

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